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350 GRADUATE AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--In keeping with tradition, Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives gave a brief charge to more than 350 graduates participating in Sunday's (Aug. 4) summer commencement ceremony.

His message to the graduates: "Responsible service and leadership toward preservation of our free society begins today with your graduation. My charge to you is to take that responsibility seriously."

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Rives urged the graduates not to be spectators in the game of life, but to be "participants," who are not afraid to express themselves freely.

He encouraged them to act out their thoughts to help improve the human condition and make life better for those who follow, and to be guided by a dream.

Also bringing greetings to the graduates were Board of Governors Universities trustee William Hoffee of Fairfield, EIU Student Body President Martha Price, a junior from Oblong, and EIU Alumni Association President Barbara Haberer of Charleston.

During the ceremony, President Rives gave special recognition to Sue Stoner, professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who served as the faculty marshal and is retiring from the University at the end of the summer.

Also honored was James E. Martin, who will begin administrative leave Sept. 1 and retire in February after serving 23 years as the University's registrar. He has been a member of Eastern's commencement platform party for 77 ceremonies.

The approximate number of graduates from each college/school participating in Sunday's ceremony was Graduate School, 98; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 100; College of Applied Sciences, 64; School of Adult and Continuing Education, 17; Lumpkin College of Business, 35; College of Education, 17; College of Fine Arts, 6; and College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 16.